

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) A method of cleaning a mold, said method
comprising the steps of:

sandwiching a mold cleaning material ~~according to claim 11~~
between two halves of a heated mold, applying heat and pressure
to the mold cleaning material for a given time to cure the
cleaning member, and removing the cleaning material,

wherein said mold cleaning material comprises: at least two
base sheets, and a combination of a cleaning member and a molding
member enclosed between the at least two base sheets,

at least the outermost of said at least two base sheets are
fibrous sheets having a porosity of 70% or more,

the cleaning member has at least one of a tablet form, a
granular form, a powder form, a sheet form, and a plate form, and

the molding member is at least one of unvulcanized synthetic
rubber and unvulcanized natural rubber.

25. (currently amended) A method of cleaning a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

sandwiching a mold cleaning material ~~according to claim 12~~ between two halves of a heated mold, applying heat and pressure to the mold cleaning material for a given time to cure the cleaning member, and removing the cleaning material,

wherein said mold cleaning material comprises: at least two base sheets, a combination of a cleaning member and a molding member enclosed between the at least two base sheets, and a thermoplastic resin film or tape applied to a prescribed part of at least one of said at least two base sheets,

the cleaning member has at least one of a tablet form, a granular form, a powder form, a sheet form, and a plate form, and

the molding member is at least one of unvulcanized synthetic rubber and unvulcanized natural rubber.

26. (currently amended) A method of cleaning a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

sandwiching a mold cleaning material ~~according to claim 13~~ between two halves of a heated mold, applying heat and pressure to the mold cleaning material for a given time to cure the cleaning member, and removing the cleaning material,

wherein said mold cleaning material comprises: at least two base sheets, a combination of a cleaning member and a molding member enclosed between the at least two base sheets by heat

sealing the at least two base sheets via a thermoplastic resin film or tape,

the cleaning member has at least one of a tablet form, a granular form, a powder form, a sheet form, and a plate form, and

the molding member is at least one of unvulcanized synthetic rubber and unvulcanized natural rubber.

27. (currently amended) A method of cleaning a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

sandwiching a mold cleaning material according to claim 14 between two halves of a heated mold, applying heat and pressure to the mold cleaning material for a given time to cure the cleaning member, and removing the cleaning material,

wherein said mold cleaning material comprises: at least two base sheets, a combination of a cleaning member and a molding member enclosed between the at least two base sheets by adhering the at least two base sheets with at least one of a double-sided tape, an adhesive, and a pressure sensitive adhesive,

the cleaning member has at least one of a tablet form, a granular form, a powder form, a sheet form, and a plate form, and

the molding member is at least one of unvulcanized synthetic rubber and unvulcanized natural rubber.

28. (currently amended) A method of cleaning a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

sandwiching a mold cleaning material ~~according to claim 15~~
between two halves of a heated mold, applying heat and pressure
to the mold cleaning material for a given time to cure the
cleaning member, and removing the cleaning material,

wherein said mold cleaning material comprises: at least two
base sheets, a combination of a cleaning member and a molding
member enclosed between the at least two base sheets by adhering
the at least two base sheets by pressing or deforming the base
sheets,

the cleaning member has at least one of a tablet form, a
granular form, a powder form, a sheet form, and a plate form, and

the molding member is at least one of unvulcanized synthetic
rubber and unvulcanized natural rubber.